

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF**

the specification of which (check one(s) applicable)

☒ was filed 14 May 1999 as International Application No. PCT/EP99/03344

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and was amended by Amendment filed _____ (if applicable); (or);

is attached to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56(a) [37CFR§1.56(a)].

CLAIM UNDER 35 USC §119: I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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2- POWER OF ATTORNEY: As inventor, I hereby appoint DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN, P.C. of Philadelphia, PA, and the following individual(s) as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Kathleen D. Rigaut, Ph.D., J.D. Reg. No. 43,407 and Patrick J. Hagan, Reg. No. 27,843

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